

MINUTES

Montevallo City Council Work Session

August 24, 2020

5:30 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Hollie Cost, Council Member Rusty Nix, Council Member Arthur Herbert, Council Member Tiffany Bunt and Council Member Jason Peterson were in attendance. Council Member Willie Goldsmith was absent.

Mayor Cost called the Work Session to order at 5:34 p.m.

Fire Chief Brad Davis reported they responded to 120 calls in July, 92 so far in August. There were five fire calls and 52 EMS. They made 15 fire inspections in August.

Council member Herbert asked where Chief Davis would recommend placing storm shelters.

Chief Davis note we have temporary safety shelters at the High School and Aldrich Baptist Church.

Council Member Herbert asked if there is a need for additional shelters.

Chief Davis said the locations we use now are not FEMA certified shelters. He said we definitely need one.

Chief Littleton said he did not have a report. He just returned from a training class.

Council member Herbert reminded everyone about the Animal Health and Safety Forum scheduled for September 3rd at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. He invited anyone interested to attend. He also invited them to send comments to mayorsoffice@cityofmontevallo.com.

Mayor Cost noted this is not an official city meeting – it is an opportunity for our citizens to meet and discuss their concerns on this issue.

Council Member Herbert reported that the Arbor Board has reviewed the landscaping plans for the old Eclipse property.

Kirk Hamby, Director of Public Works, said the residents of Arden are upset due to the delaying in the repaving of their streets. The project should be finished by October 15th. He said he will keep the residents informed about the start date. We will also post the information on our website.

He said he's been assisting Officer Wilder with Code Enforcement issues. They've closed out six issues, and are still working on several more.

Sustainability Director Olivia Barone informed the council we are one of 84 communities nationwide to receive the AARP Challenge Grant. We received \$29,000 for the placement of accessible exercise equipment for Orr Park and Dailey Park. In addition, she pointed out we've received a quote for a new Bucket Truck to be used by our Leaf & Limb and Public Works crews. We propose purchasing the truck using a grant from the VW settlement which is administered through ADECA. The new truck will reduce the diesel emissions created by our current one by 93% and save us 10,000 gallons of fuel over its lifetime. Our 20% match on the purchase would be around \$30,000 and would come from the Sanitation Fund.

Shane Baugh, Director of Parks & Recreation, informed the Council our first football game is Saturday. We are testing the waters to see how it goes. October 3rd is our first home game. MHS plays Friday night in Columbiana.

Soccer registration is way down this season. The Pelham YMCA has canceled all fall sports. That limits the number of teams we can play.

Council Member Nix reported that rounds are down at the Golf Course. Several of our carts are inoperable because we are having to replace the batteries.

The Planning Commission met last Thursday and approved Phase 7 of the Colonial Oaks development.

Library Director Savannah Kitchens presented her report:

- The library has officially launched our new storytime: Drive In Stories with Mr. Mac. Funded by the Parnell Memorial Library Foundation, these family storytimes happen in the library parking lot every Saturday at 9:15 with everyone's favorite performer, Mr. Mac. Tune in to the frequency to listen to stories and songs from the comfort of your car. Frequency is given out each Saturday when you pull up, to make sure it's available that day. As always, these storytimes are free to the public!
- In addition to Drive In Stories with Mr. Mac, and our weekly Facebook video storytime with Ms. Jennifer, we are about to launch a new Spanish-language virtual storytime. These are done by Trent Jones, and will be posted on our Facebook page quarterly. These storytimes are also funded by the Parnell Memorial Library Foundation.
- Our Family Literacy kits are ready to check out! We have different kits aimed at different age groups, including babies, Spanish language babies/pre-K, pre-k, early elementary, late elementary, Spanish language elementary, middle and Spanish language middle school. We also have kits focusing on helping meet specific reading needs, including sight words and dyslexia for both younger and older elementary age students. Kits include an age-appropriate hands-on activity, books, and parent resource.

- These are the kits we created with the Dollar General grant we received back in the spring, but we had no idea that they'd become even more important this year. Almost 20% of the entire student body of Montevallo Elementary School receives reading intervention, and we hope these kits can help supplement reading education.
- We're encouraging families to check out these kits as a way to spend some one-on-one time with your kids, reading and playing together – and in the process, help strengthen their literacy skills.
- Just a reminder we are still open for curbside services. If you don't know exactly what title you're looking for, call us and ask for a Book Bundle, we'll put something together for you based on your preferences.
- And last: we have a new direct phone number: (205) 667-3052. The old extension number will still get to us, but this one is just a simpler way to get ahold of us and request your books, movies, board games, activity kits, literacy kits, or free masks.

She noted they have given away 977 masks so far.

IMPACT Director Sarah Hogan presented the following:

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- Impact will hold a virtual coalition meeting next Tuesday, September 1 at 9:00 am. If you are interested in joining us to reduce youth substance use in Montevallo, please email me at impactmontevallo@gmail.com and I'll make sure to add you to our distribution list.
- Our School Resource Officers, Holloway & Wilhite have had a great start to the school year. Impact is hosting a video introduction via Facebook to get to know the officers and what students and parents can expect from them. So be on the look out for this video project on the Impact Montevallo Facebook page.
- Junior City Council participated in the Montevallo Story Read project, a partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and Parnell Memorial Library. Thank you to Brady Baugh for reading the book for the 2nd edition in the series.
- Ms. Olivia Gilbert presided over her first MJCC meeting as Junior Mayor. MJCC has formed several committees to discuss the organization of youth forums, recruitment efforts and the potential of a skate park. They have hit the ground running and have created information and a survey and are working with school administrators to share with peers via the school's listserv.

Council Member Bunt noted that all of our local school and UM are back in session.

Council Member Herbert noted the classes are held on different schedules. At the Elementary School, students are there two days and at home learning 3 days. He said the students are really eager to get back to school. The schools are following appropriate safety guidelines and procedures.

Council Member Bunt thanked all of our teachers for tackling this tough job.

Main Street Director Courtney Bennett commented that the fire inspections with local businesses are going well. We sent out a letter to them letting them know about the coming inspections. She said businesses are pleased to see UM students returning to campus. She also reminded everyone about the ribbon cutting at Elite Salon on Saturday at 10 a.m.

Council Member Peterson said there would be no Finance Committee meeting Wednesday.

Montevallo City Council Meeting

August 10, 2020

6:00 p.m. at City Hall

Mayor Hollie Cost, Council Member Rusty Nix, Council Member Arthur Herbert, Council Member Tiffany Bunt and Council Member Jason Peterson were in attendance. Council Member Willie Goldsmith was absent.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Cost opened the regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Approval and/or corrections of the minutes – 7/27/20 and 8/10/20

Council Member Herbert made a motion to approve the Minutes from September 27, 2020 as corrected. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the Minutes from October 10, 2020 as corrected. Council Member Bunt seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Recognitions / Awards:

Honoring Community Health Centers: Lighting the Way for Healthier Communities Today and in the Future”



Proclamation Honoring “Community Health Centers: Lighting the Way for Healthier Communities Today and in the Future”

Whereas, National Health Center Week (August 9 – 15) is an annual celebration with the goal of raising awareness about the mission and accomplishments of America’s health centers over the past five decades; and

Whereas, Community Health Centers serve as the beacon of strength, service, and care in their communities. In moments of pain and loss, they offer support and love. In moments of triumph, they offer hope and a vision for the future;

Now, therefore, let us come together the week of August 9-15, 2020 to celebrate the roles Community Health Centers, such as the one we are fortunate to have here in Montevallo, have played in both our recent moments of loss and triumph. National Health Center Week honors those front line providers, staff, and beloved patients who lost their lives during the (ongoing) COVID-19 pandemic. From the very beginning of the crisis, Community Health Centers began finding innovative ways to provide preventative and primary care to their patients. During this week of remembrance, light a candle for those community health leaders, patients that we lost. As we commemorate those lives and celebrate the future of Community Health, let’s shine a light across the country that will embody the future of primary health care aces for underserved populations. **Shine a light on your Community Health Center and share the value that it brings to everyone who it touches.**

Each day of NHCW 2020 is dedicated to a particular focus area:

- Sunday, 8/9: [Public Health in Housing Day](#)
- Monday, 8/10: [Healthcare for the Homeless Day](#)
- Tuesday, 8/11: [Agricultural Worker Health Day](#)
- Wednesday, 8/12: [Patient Appreciation Day](#)
- Thursday, 8/13: [Stakeholder Appreciation Day](#)
- Friday, 8/14: [Health Center Staff Appreciation Day](#)
- Saturday, 8/15: [Children’s Health Day](#)

It is with great pride and humility that I, Hollie C. Cost, Mayor of the City of Montevallo, do hereby proclaim the week of August 9-15 as **Community Health Centers Week** in Montevallo, Alabama.

Hollie C. Cost, Mayor

Date

Opportunities for citizens to speak to the Council:

Patricia Gilmore addressed the Council regarding a water drainage issue on her property, as we'll as the hole in her backyard.

Mayor Cost asked our City Engineer and Mr. Hamby to investigate the complaint.

Bobby Hirt addressed the council regarding concerns with plans to add more homes to the Ammersee Lakes Subdivision. He said the additional traffic will result in even more accidents where traffic from his subdivision enters Hwy 119.

No Facebook Comments.

Committee Reports and Consideration of Bills:

Public Health & Safety (Police, Fire, Code Enforcement, Housing Abatement)– Discussed earlier.

Sustainability (Streets & Sanitation, Recycling, Arbor & Beautification, ValloCycle, Environmental Preservation Initiatives) – Discussed earlier.

Recreation, Preservation and Community Development (Parks & Recreation, Golf Course, Youth Athletics, Trails, Planning & Zoning, Annexations,) – Discussed earlier.

Education, Arts & Outreach (Schools, UM, Boys & Girls Club, Library, American Village, Sister City Commission, Artwalk, IMPACT) – Discussed earlier.

Finance, Economic Development & Tourism (Finance, MDCD, IDB, Chamber, Historical Commission, Main Street) – Discussed earlier.

Council Member Nix made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Council Member Peterson seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Consent Agenda: NONE

New Business:

Presentation of Board Handbook – Mayor Cost presented the Council with a draft of the Board Handbook being worked on by Maggie Benson. She said this is an administrative document and is not something the Council needs to formally approve. However, she encouraged them to review it and provide their input.

Approval of Rebuild Alabama Act 2021 Transportation Plan Budget –

The City Clerk explained this budget is required by the State as part of our participation in this program. We receive so little money each year from this tax that we simply let it accumulate to the point we can use it for a match for

some future project. In response to a question from Council Member Herbert, the City Clerk explained this is the second year of the program.

Council Member Herbert then made a motion to approve the budget. Council Member Nix seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.



Fiscal Year 2021 City of Montevallo Transportation Plan

In accordance with the Rebuild Alabama Act signed into law March 12, 2019, the City of Montevallo hereby adopts this annual Transportation Plan to use the estimated revenues of \$33,976 in anticipated revenue from the Rebuild Alabama Act (Fuel Bill) fund during the 2021 Fiscal Year as a reserve for matching funds to any state or federal grant funded projects to perform roadway improvements, repairs, resurfacing, reconstruction or maintenance within our existing street/road network during said fiscal year or later years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Montevallo has caused this Fiscal Year 2021 City of Montevallo Transportation Plan to be executed in its name and on its behalf by its Mayor and Clerk on this the 24th day of August, 2020.

HOLLIE COST, MAYOR

HERMAN LEHMAN, CITY CLERK

(CITY SEAL)

Mayor Cost reminded everyone we were not awarded this grant last time. However, they gave us some useful tips for our next application. Therefore, she let the Council know we will resubmit the grant for this coming year. There is no monetary match.

Authorization to submit a grant from the VW Settlement Agreement for a new Bucket Truck – 20% Match required from Sanitation Fund –

As discussed earlier, Mayor Cost reminded everyone this grant requires a 20% match which will come from our Sanitation Fund.

Council Member Herbert asked Mr. Hamby if we need a new bucket truck.

Mr. Hamby said yes, we do. The one we have smokes terribly. As a result, we try not to use it during most of the day. It is critical to our ability to trim tree limbs, as well as hang banners, change traffic lights, and other things.

Council Member Herbert made a motion to authorize the submission of the grant request as described. Council Member Peterson noted the \$29,000 or so in matching funds would come from the Sanitation Account. Council Member Nix seconded the motion. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Authorization of Mayor to enter into an agreement with American Tower to sell the city cell tower property on Waller St. Proceeds are to be used to payoff our Central State Bank Loans of approximately \$447,000 with the remainder to be held in the Regions Capital Reserve account for future capital uses as approved by the council.

The City Clerk explained this agreement has not completed review by our City Attorney and is not ready for consideration yet.

Old Business:

Ammersee Lakes Paving Request – Tom Bagley

Mr. Burgess informed the Council our bids are nearly ready to go out.

Dailey Park Update -

Mayor Cost informed the Council we met with our project architect, Chuck Kelly, last week. He is looking at the options for play equipment at the park. We have asked residents for their input, as well.

Board Appointments:

Stacia Brady to the Zoning Board of Adjustments – 8.24.20 – 8.24.23

Council Member Peterson made a motion to approve the appointment of Stacia Brady to the BZA. Council Member Herbert seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Other Business:

Reminder of Special City Council Meeting to Canvass the Election Results – Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 12:00 Noon

Tomorrow – August 25, 2020 - is Election Day. Polls open at 7 am and close at 7 pm. Registered voters in Montevillo vote at the Orr Park Rec Center / Boys & Girls Club

Mayor Cost updated the Council on the progress of the Hwy 25 grant. She said she walked the project area with representatives from ALDOT recently. Matthew Burgess said ALDOT gave us some useful feedback and we have adjusted our project plans accordingly. He feels very good about our chances to get this grant. However, if we don't, we have an opportunity to get funding through the MPO, and he feels we have a very good shot at getting approved there, as well.

Council Member Bunt said she is very excited about this project, and thanked Mr. Burgess for his efforts.

Adele Nelson submitted a request on behalf of the Chamber:

Montevallo City Council

August 24, 2020

Request of city street closure

Date Sat Aug 29th

time – 9am to 2pm

occasion Elite & Co and Brick & Valley Boutique Ribbon Cutting / Grand Opening

location - Valley St from the Wadsworth & Valley St. intersection going North toward Ashville Rd (Hwy 119) ½ of the block leaving access to sundial building and market parking lots open

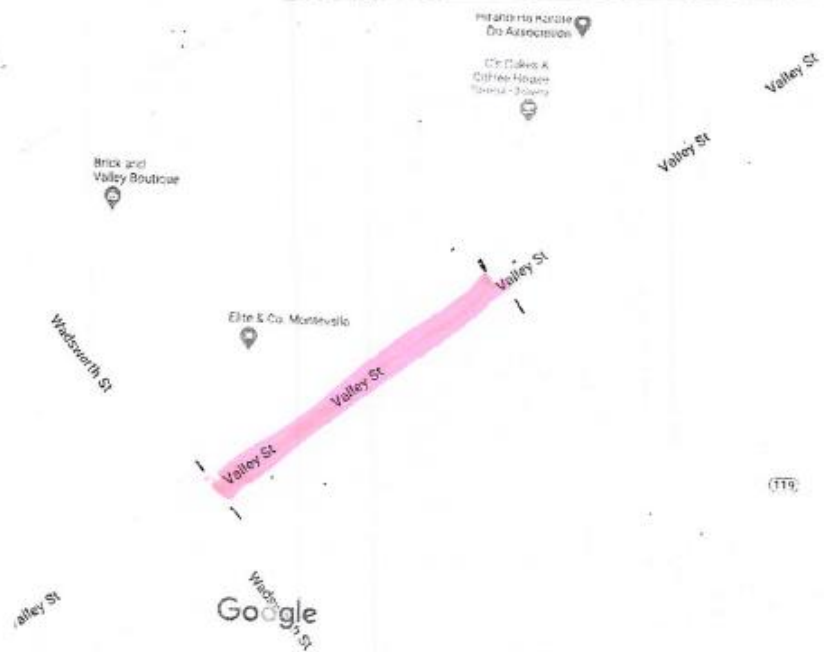
Reason - Safety of pedestrians during Ribbon Cutting / Grand Opening

Chamber will notify all the neighboring businesses of the brief street closure

Thank you

Adele Nelson
Montevallo Chamber
205-381-1097 cell

cc
Police Dept
Public Work



Council Member Nix made a motion to approve the street closure request for the hours of 9:00

a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Council Member Bunt seconded. ALL AYES . . . MOTION APPROVED.

Citizen Participation:

Bobby Pierson asked about the Hwy 25 project. Mayor Cost explained it involves creating a sidewalk from the Lucky's parking lot down to the Hwy 155 traffic light. There would be a crosswalk there which would lead to the other side. She said we are also looking at traffic calming measures along residential streets.

Facebook Comments:

Kirk Lightfoot said Main Street depends on the bucket truck to hang our banners. He thanked the Council for approving the grant request for a new truck.

There being no further business before the Council, Council Member Nix made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Peterson seconded. ALL AYES . . . MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:36 p.m.

Submitted by:

Herman Lehman
City Clerk